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er McCall, president of
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tor.

Last year in Houston, a group contending for biblical inerrancy (errorlessness in the original manuscripts), led by Patterson and Houston Appeals Court Judge Paul Pres-

"My candidacy is in contrast to the sham and hypocrisy of past campaigns carried on in secrecy until the expedient moment," he declared.

Meanwhile, other names have surfaced and projections

Bold Mission Thrust, the SBC plan to proclaim Christ to the entire world by the close of the century, is the theme

With the biblical inerrancy debate still a live issue, indications are that some sort of motion or resolution may come to the floor declaring that the Bible's original manuscripts were errorless "doctrinally, historically,

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J. C. Peay, center, pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., and a graduate of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, led the opening prayer of thanksgiving. Richard Brown, seminary president, right, delivered a brief address, "At Home At Last" stating that after nearly 40 years, and several locations, the seminary at last has a permanent home. Hickman Johnson, left, pastor, Farish Street Baptist Church, Jackson, led the litany of dedication. Chester Vaughn, program director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, led the prayer of dedication. (More photos are on page 3.)

"The increase of Baptist prisoners

A recent Russian emigre, Irina Zholkovskaya-Ginzburg, said it was the "spirit of genuine God-given freedom" preserved in Christian teaching that causes communist to-

He entered the hospital suffering chest pains. It was discovered he had an enlarged heart surrounded by fluid. Doctors drained the fluid and were able to reduce Sullivan's heartbeat from 160 per minute to 80. Doctors say Sullivan is to have no outside appointments or travel for two months. The fluid was caused by allergies.

(60,000 to 6,500), and monasteries (800 to 10) during this century.
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"The taproots of our faith are in the

Why pray for missionaries? Well, to help them get visas, for one thing

A major in the Air Force Reserves, Hughes taught in associate degree nursing programs in the state of Kansas and was responsible for establishing and administering the Department of Nursing at Midwestern State University in Texas from 1968-73. He taught for six years in the Baylor University School of Nursing and is currently teaching in the graduate nursing program at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Hughes is a Baptist, and he will join the Mississippi College faculty during the summer.



Wrapup

Media Ethics Concerns Religious Communicators

By Lillian Moir

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Religious communicators from around the world concluded a once-a-decade gathering with a challenge to use the media in "the service of humanity."

Some 1,295 Roman Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and Jewish communicators from 18 countries attended the Religious Communications Congress/1980 at Nashville's Opryland Hotel.

A recurring thread throughout the meeting was ethics in religious communication. This thread wove its way through speeches, seminars, worship and meetings of participating religious bodies at the May 14-16 event.

The highlight for the event came the concluding day with a special videotaped message from Pope John Paul II in Rome, who urged that the power of the media be used to "expand the horizons of individuals and peoples who are seeking to fulfill their human destinies."

The God-likeness of humanity, said the Roman Catholic leader, must be proclaimed if believers are to "defend human dignity against the forces that would reduce human beings to mere consumers of material goods or to pawns of national interests or of divisive ideologies."

Another special message came from U.S. President Jimmy Carter, an active Southern Baptist layman, who supported the religious communicators in "addressing the myriad moral and ethical issues arising from the use of mass media techniques for

matters of the spirit."

"I salute your earnest desire to further understanding between peoples in a manner consistent with God's grace and compassion," he said in a message read by Curtis Chambers, Dayton, Ohio, general chairperson for the congress.

A panel of television, newspaper and wire service journalists admitted they face a dilemma on stories with ethical implications. The dilemma for Marjorie Hyer, Washington (D.C.) Post, was whether to print accusations of indiscretion leveled at a Roman Catholic priest — a story which could destroy him, the woman making the accusations, and her family. Hyer chose not to print it.

Wesley Pippert, United Press International, Washington, D.C., said the news media appear to be unwilling to write stories about moral or ethical issues. Frequently such stories are "covered with a mass of detail" which does not get at the truth, he said.

The communicators from a variety of professional disciplines as well as religious backgrounds were challenged by Martin Marty, University of Chicago Divinity School professor. He told the congress participants that they are not "mass communicators" but communicators to small groups of people.

"We need to remind ourselves that the general population has more to do than just read, see or hear us," Marty said. "We are less than truly mass communicators," but that is "not to say our ministry to sub-communities

is unimportant."

Benjamin L. Hooks a Baptist minister and executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said in his keynote address that the conservative movement "has threatened to roll back" civil rights advances made in recent years.

Hooks, former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, urged congress participants to "join hands and lock hearts" in the struggle for justice, particularly in the job market.

Another speaker who sounded the cry for justice for the poor and powerless was Harvey Cox, Harvard University Divinity School professor. He urged the communicators to become "the voice of the voiceless," to recognize that the cry of the poor is "the very voice of God — one of the ways God speaks to us in real human history."

(Lillian Moir is on the staff of the Christian Church.)

Jimmy Allen Meets Minister

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The Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$2,000 for the trip in September 1979 while Allen was pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.

Researchers To Look At Social Values

ST. LOUIS (BP) — A look at America's social values for the next 10 years and their implications for Southern Baptists will highlight a meeting of the Southern Baptist Research Fellowship on June 7 at Third Baptist Church, St. Louis.

Grady C. Cothen, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will make the presentation, based on research findings of the Yankelovich Monitor, a nationally-renowned research firm.

The 51-member group of Southern Baptist research specialists also will hear detailed progress reports of research underway and planned at the Sunday School Board and at the Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Orrin Morris, director of the research division at the Home Mission Board, will describe the SBC Uniform Church Letter indices for planning, while three of his associates will share research on church growth, evangelism and missions.

Martin B. Bradley, director of the research services department at the Sunday School Board, will outline the methodology and nature of findings of Yankelovich Monitor. Three of his associates will discuss the Uniform Church Letter and general research in progress.

Other program features include election of officers for two-year terms, presentation of charter membership certificates and other recognitions. Leonard Irwin, director of the planning section of the Home Mission Board, is president.

Giving adds blessings to living.

Nigerian Hospital Hurt By New Government Rule

OGBOMOSHO, Nigeria (BP) — The Ogbomoso (Nigeria) Baptist Medical Center is in the midst of a financial crisis that will continue until a new method of financing is determined, a spokesman for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board said.

While negotiations are going on with the government of Western State where the hospital is located, John E. Mills, the board's secretary for West Africa, said he is taking a "wait and see" attitude.

The offer of free medicine was the plank in the political platform of one party running for office last fall, Mills said, and the Ogbomoso hospital happens to be in one of the four or five states where that party came to power. They did not, he added, gain control of the federal government.

The party's new ruling says that the hospital cannot charge for its services or drugs and promises that the government will supply necessary drugs at their pharmacies. Hospital authorities have complained that drugs and supplies are not always available.

Southern Baptists do not give financial subsidy to the Ogbomoso hospital, Mills said. The board continues to support financially the missionaries under appointment there, but that has been the only financial assistance given by Southern Baptists since the government started paying the salaries of national workers at the hospital in 1975.

Mills explained that the board's policy not to give financial support to work that is also supported by any government. When subsidies from the Foreign Mission Board were first cut, he added, the hospital was not hurt because fees being charged made up the difference.

Now, he said, the hospital does not have any source of meeting expenses

that fall outside those drug and salary expenses met by the government. As part of the negotiations with the government the hospital may be able to charge a patient requesting a private room, but this would be on such a small scale that it would not help the hospital's financial status, Mills added.

Mills said he does not see the free medicine platform as a plan to nationalize the hospitals, but rather a political move which hadn't considered the cost involved.

Ft. Chaffee Refugees Have Needs

Volunteers, clothing, toys, books, and sewing machines are among the missions needs at Ft. Chaffee, Ark., where Southern Baptists are attempting a ministry to the thousands of Cuban refugees there awaiting resettlement.

Primary needs, according to Richard Alford, Mississippi Baptist language missions consultant, are in music and worship leadership in Spanish and in teaching English as a second language.

Southern Baptist Ernie Whitten, has been given responsibility for distributing the clothing which should be primarily in small sizes.

Donoso Escobar is establishing a kindergarten which needs toys and related items. Library needs include both Christian and secular literature in Spanish.

Alford reports the group needs a number of sewing machines plus all sewing materials such as buttons and thread.

Contact Whitten or Escobar at the toll free number: 1-800-643-2554 before sending any materials. Contact Richard Alford at 601-354-3704 in Jackson, Miss., for specific information about volunteering.

Feeling At Home Is Easy At Village's Dickerson Place

By Don McGregor

The community around Fair River Baptist Church near Brookhaven has made the new residents of Dickerson Place feel at home.

Dickerson Place is the new group home for dependent children that is located on a 120-acre tract of land that was originally donated for a child-care facility by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dickerson of that community. It is operated by Mississippi Baptist Children's Village.

Mr. Dickerson has since died, but Mrs. Dickerson feels that she has 17 children of her own living in the large, dormitory-style residence just a few hundred yards behind her own home. She still lives in the house she and her husband occupied all of their married life and the house in which he was born.

Three of the 17 young people living at Dickerson Place are the children of the house parents, Mike and Gloria Shelton. The other 14 came from the Jackson campus when the facility was opened March 10. The entire group of 20, which includes the assistant house parent, Mrs. Helen Hamm, joined Fair River Baptist Church. Ricky Johnston is the pastor. That they were welcomed is illustrated by the fact that the church raised \$1,800 to send all of the Dickerson Place children above 12 years of age to youth week at Gulfshore this summer. The Dickerson Place youngsters have blended into the church and school life. Some of them spend the night in homes of the community from time to time, and children of the area sometimes spend the night at Dickerson Place.

Dickerson Place was named to honor Mrs. Dickerson and in memory of her husband and of her son, Horace, who is deceased also. The land was donated by the elder Dickerson in memory of their son for child-care purposes, and it was operated for awhile as a private institution called Our Town. The Mississippi Baptist Children's Village took over the facility early this year and began operating it as Dickerson Place.

Mike Shelton was a highway patrolman for 10 years before he and Gloria became house parents at the Mississippi Sheriff's boys' and girls' ranch near Columbus. There were there for a year and a half before they joined the Children's Village staff in the same capacity. They had been on the Jackson Campus six months when they were asked to assume the house parents role at Brookhaven.

Mrs. Dickerson also feels a responsibility for the happiness of the children. Each Tuesday evening she pro-

vides the meat dish and eats with the Dickerson Place group. Whenever one of the children has a birthday, she furnishes a birthday cake and the money with which to buy a present. The three Shelton children are not discriminated against in this situation. They get their cakes and presents just as do the other 14.

The 120-acre campus gives the young people plenty to do. A multi-acre garden takes up a great deal of

time now that school is out. During the school year the youngsters are enrolled in the public schools of Brookhaven.

During parents' day at the Children's Village in Jackson recently the Dickerson Place group made the trip to participate in the activities. They enjoyed seeing their old friends; but when time came to load the bus for the return to Brookhaven, they were ready to go home.



Elton Hardy of the Children's Village staff, left, and Mike Shelton examine the tractor. Carl McGraw of the Village staff stands in the background.



Mrs. Earl Dickerson chats in her home with a former pastor, Lannie Wilbourn, now pastor of Pine Lake Church at the Ross Barnett Reservoir. David Wilbourn gazes out of the window.



The group gathers at a small lake near the residence at the end of the day.

State Mission Giving Remains Ahead Of Budget

Although Cooperative Program giving by the churches affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention showed a decrease in May of this year as compared with May of 1979, this year's May gifts were still among the highest in the history of cooperative missions giving.

The total for the month was \$927,905. The total for May 1979 was \$933,982, or a decrease of \$6,077 for this year as compared with last year. This was a decrease of 6 per cent.

For the first five months of 1980 there have been two months that have had gifts totaling more than \$1 million and two have had gifts going above \$900,000.

The total for the year thus far has been \$4,850,846. This is a 15.7 per cent increase over the same period of last year when the total gifts were \$4,193,283. The budget for five months of this year is \$4,686,250, meaning that total gifts have surpassed the budget thus far by \$164,596.

"Commitment to missions is a top priority among Mississippi Baptists," said Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. "It has been through the year, and it will continue to be so in the future. It must continue to be so if we are to meet the tremendous challenges that are before us," he added.

Memorial Hospital Plans Lease In Ripley, Tenn.

Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, operated by trustees elected from Baptist Convention in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas, has entered into a lease agreement with the Lauderdale County Hospital in Ripley, Tenn., with the option to build and own a new hospital if a feasibility study indicated that such a facility is needed.

An agreement has also been reached with the Tipton County (Tennessee) Memorial Hospital to provide specific management services and the emergency medical physician group covering Baptist Memorial Hospital East has begun coverage of the Tipton County Memorial Hospital emergency department.

These agreements follow approval by the board of trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital for the formation of a Corporate Services Division for the purpose of developing an improved health care delivery system.

This new division will enable the hospital to provide contract management services to surrounding hospitals, or for acquisition or leasing, if suitable to both parties, of the smaller hospital by Baptist Memorial Hospital.

In announcing formation of this division, the hospital board is committed to maintain the non-profit characteristic of the health care delivery system.

This approach is based on a forecast that 70 percent of all hospitals will be operating as a part of a multi-hospital system within the next decade. This trend is the result of growing demands for cost control, efficiency, the sharing of management capabilities, and the need for improved human and financial resources.

The governing body of BMH believes that the hospital has the size, experience, resources, and expertise to serve as the nucleus for a regional hospital system.

Among the shared services that BMH has to offer are bulk purchasing, central warehousing, human resources management, data processing, management engineering, financial and planning expertise, continuing medical education programs, medical staff development, legal assistance, construction management services, and assistance in dealing with the many state and federal regulatory agencies relating to hospital.

Affiliations with regional hospitals are based on the following principles: BMH seeks no financial gains through its association with hospitals in the system; the community to be served must have a demonstrable need for the services proposed; and the relationship must be based upon equitable and ethical principles that apply to both parties.

Helsinki Violations

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It is unclear what effect the commission's report will have on religious liberty in the Soviet bloc nations after it is presented at a conference in Madrid this fall. But a commission spokesman refused to be totally pessimistic.

"One never knows," she said. "What we have learned beyond doubt is that they (Soviets) react to western pressure. Publicity helps."

In addition, resolutions have been introduced in the House and Senate calling for the release of religious prisoners in the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Romania and for compliance with the religious provisions of the Helsinki accords.

BMT Defined Mathematically

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other mission fields," said the former missionary to Indonesia.

He said simple mathematics show that every one of the 13.4 million Southern Baptists would be responsible for 306 persons but added that "If we are realistic and count only the Baptists who are in church on Sunday, that figure would jump to more than 800 apiece in the next 20 years."

Willis said that even if we were to experience another Pentecost every day, it would take 5,479 years to reach the six billion people.

"Look at it this way," he added. "If it had started back with Abraham and he won 3,000 people a day, and that rate had continued unabated, it would take to 3000 A.D. to reach 6 billion."

"I am not pessimistic about our ability to reach the world for Christ," he said. "I believe it will only happen by a movement of God."

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Mrs. Annette Hill of the Children's Village staff, left, visits with some of the children at Dickerson Place. Mike Shelton, the Dickerson Place house father, is partially hidden at right by one of the boys.



The residence at Dickerson Place.

"Theological Integrity" Of Annuity Board Is Approved

By Larry Crisman

DALLAS (BP) — A resolution approving the "theological integrity and commitment of the president and staff of the Annuity Board" was passed unanimously by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board's executive committee, April 30.

The resolution stemmed from a recent Baptist Press news story by Toby Druin which indicated that charges have been leveled that some employees of Southern Baptist agencies and institutions don't believe in historic Baptist positions on biblical authority.

D. William Dodson Jr., chairman of the retirement and insurance programming institution's board of trustees, delivered the resolution.

"I move that the executive committee of the trustees of the Annuity Board express our confidence in the moral, spiritual, biblical and theological integrity and commitment of the president and staff of the Annuity Board," said Dodson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Martin, Tenn.

The vote came after Darold H. Morgan, Annuity Board president, told trustees of his "deep concern about an organized effort in convention line to control the trustee selection process on a creedal basis."

In another action, the board's executive committee formally approved the Annuity Board's gearing up administratively to comply with federal pension law, ERISA, primarily as it would apply to church agencies.

The committee adopted a recommendation by the administrative policy committee "to take steps necessary to develop and implement church agency programs which satisfy the requirements of ERISA."

Morgan explained that "a great deal of work has been done in this direction, but a clarification of specific policy direction was necessary."

"This policy, with the passage of 'church plan' legislation now pending in the House and the Senate, will greatly assist the board in its continued service to Baptist agencies," he said. Church plan legislation is being sponsored in the House of Representatives by Rep. Barber B. Conable and in the Senate by Senators Herman Talmadge, Lloyd Bentsen and David Boren.

Morgan indicated the church plan legislation is currently closer to passage than at any time since its introduction in 1978. If passed, he said, it will "greatly assist church pension funds in coping with ERISA" by clarifying current legislation scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, 1983.

Through the Annuity Board, the Southern Baptist Convention is one of 27 major religious denominations represented on the Church Alliance for Clarification of ERISA.

The members of the Church Alliance, chaired by Morgan, support the legislation which could amend the ERISA definition of "church plan" to recognize traditional retirement plans covering church and agency employees.

Without the amendment and "clarification" of ERISA, Morgan said many Southern Baptist ministers and church and denominational employees will not be permitted to continue participation in Annuity Board church retirement plans after Dec. 31, 1982 — "unless there are substantive internal administrative changes."

"We're simply getting ready for any eventuality," Morgan said.

The Annuity Board's executive committee urged Southern Baptists to indicate their support of the Church Alliance's "church plan" legislation to

members of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee.

Introduced to the Senate Finance Committee by Sen. Talmadge, D-Ga., the "Talmadge Church Plan Amendments" to S. 1076 is legislation to clarify ERISA which is supported by the Church Alliance.

Originally expected by May 1, a vote by the Senate Finance Committee on S. 1076 and the Talmadge Amendments has been rescheduled for action in the next 60 days, Morgan said.

He said this will give Southern Baptists more time to express their concern to members of the Senate Finance Committee.

Besides Talmadge, others on the Senate Finance Committee are Senators David Boren, D-Okla.; Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas; Russell Long (chairman), D-La.; Abraham Ribicoff, D-Conn.; Harry F. Byrd Jr., Ind.-Va.; Gaylord Nelson, D-Wis.; Mike Gravel, D-Alaska; Spark M. Matsunaga, D-Hawaii; Daniel P. Moynihan, D-N.Y.; Max Baucus, D-Mont.; Bill Bradley, D-N.J.; Robert Dole, R-Kan.; Bob Packard, R-Ore.; William V. Roth, R-Del.; John C. Danforth, R-Mo.; John H. Chafee, R-R.I.; H. John Heinz III, R-Pa.; Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo.; and David Durenberger, R-Minn.

(Crisman writes news for the Annuity Board.)



Seminary Dedication

Miss Ellen Johnson, left, was the honor guest at a reception following the seminary dedication. She retired May 30, after having been secretary at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary for 34 years. Shown with her in the receiving line are Hickman Johnson, pastor of Farish St. Baptist Church, Jackson, and Mrs. I. C. Peay, wife of the pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.



The crowd sang a hymn of praise, "How Firm A Foundation." Dan Hall, director Church Music department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, directed special music. (Other photos on page 1).

Youth Retreat At Gulfshore: Aug. 13-16

A long waiting list for youth week reservations at Gulfshore has caused the addition of another time for youth at Mississippi Baptists' Gulf Coast Assembly center.

The additional time will be Aug. 13 to 16, said Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. This is one day short of the other seven Youth Conferences to be held during the summer. This meeting will be called a youth retreat, he indicated.

The complete cost for the youth retreat, including room, board, and registration fee, will be \$48. Reservations will be made by contacting Gulfshore Assembly.

This youth retreat will provide an option for those who were not able to make reservations because of the waiting list or for those who find the time more convenient, Vaughn said.

Church Staff Salary Survey Being Mailed

By Bill Sellers, Annuity Associate, Church-Minister Relations and Annuity Department

The third "Church Staff Salary Survey" authorized by the Mississippi Baptist Convention is being mailed to every pastor. Pastors are urged to study the material carefully. The survey is available, and will be mailed to any church staff member or layperson upon request.

Brooks Wester, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board President, appointed a lay committee last December to conduct the 1980 Salary Survey. Murry Alexander was appointed chairman and the other committee members are: Mrs. Charles Tyler, Irving Parks, Ingram L. Foster, Jr. and Charles Pickering.

It is the committee's plan to have the survey put into the hands of the proper leadership in the churches before the churches begin to prepare their 1981 budgets. This committee is certainly aware of the local autonomy of each church, and is presenting this information in a spirit of Christian love and concern without trying to dictate to any church.

After studying the results of the survey, the committee makes some very pertinent observations designed to be helpful to the churches in giving direction and consideration to the salary and compensations of their staff members.

Resource persons were Clifton Perkins, Director of Church Minister Relations and Annuity Department; John Alexander, Stewardship department director; and Don McGregor, Baptist Record editor.

(Sellers coordinated the study.)

Ricks Institute Secures \$25,000

RICHMOND, Va. — Ricks Institute has secured \$25,000 with government approval from the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc., to continue operation, said Bradley Brown, chairman of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Liberia.

Operating funds for the Baptist institute in Monrovia were cut off following a government coup April 12. Former Liberian President William R. Tolbert Jr., who normally signed checks for Ricks as convention president, was assassinated in the coup.

Golden Gate Sets Korean Studies, Plans Library

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — Trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary authorized a library construction contract, a training program for leaders in language - ethnic churches and a program of theological training in the Korean language.

Trustees also approved participation in the Marin Consortium for Higher Education and approved a budget of \$2,254,315 in their annual meeting on campus.

Construction on the \$2.6 million library is expected to begin within 90 days and is scheduled for completion one year after that. Construction funds will come from the capital needs portion of the Cooperative Program budget of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The current seminary library houses 105,000 volumes in three separate campus locations. All volumes will be centrally located in the new 37,000 square foot facility.

The seminary will develop a Multi-Ethnic Theological Association program in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, state Baptist conventions in the west, and local churches. Theological training in the Korean language will also be offered through the Southern California Center of Golden Gate in Garden Grove, Calif.

For the first time since coming to Marin County in 1959, Golden Gate will participate in the Marin Consortium for Higher Education, a board of administrators from the county's six

seminaries and colleges for area education planning.

Elsie McCall, pre-school director of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, since 1976, was elected assistant professor of religious education effective Aug. 1, 1980.

Max D. Lyall was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of church music. Orine Suffern, assistant professor of church music, was promoted to professor of church music effective upon her retirement in August 1980.

The trustees voted to participate in a cooperative plan adopted by the six Southern Baptist Convention seminary presidents to provide limited course work in 1980-81 at three sites in the northern U.S. They approved the title "artist-in-residence" for those who would be used in special teaching assignments relating to art forms that conform to the Christian faith.

Washington (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court declined to review a decision by the Supreme Court of Kentucky limiting the right of Kentucky education officials to regulate private church-related schools. The Kentucky court ruled last October that the state's attempt to impose minimum standards in such areas as teacher certification and textbook approval is a violation of the state constitution which forbids that "any man be compelled to send his child to any school to which he may be conscientiously opposed."

Prayer Study To Open All World Congress Days

TORONTO — Each day of the Baptist World Congress in Toronto, July 8-13, will begin with prayer and Bible study.

Group prayer sessions will be arranged in the several downtown hotels where delegates will be staying. These are set for 8:15 a.m., permitting delegates to then move to Maple Leaf Gardens for the beginning of Bible study at 9:30 a.m.

Four teachers, each from a different continent, have been selected for the Bible lessons taken from the book of First John and interpreting the Congress theme "Celebrating Christ's Presence Through the Spirit."

Warren Magnuson, program com-

mittee chairman, said that Warren Hultgren, a committee member from Tulsa, Oklahoma, will direct arrangements for the prayer sessions, and Roy Bell, a program committee member from Vancouver, British Columbia, the Bible study hour.

Bible teachers will include: Noel Vose, president of the Baptist Theological College, Bentley, West Australia; Lien Hwa Chow, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Taipei, Taiwan; S. T. Ola Akande, general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention; and David Gomes, founder and director of the Bible School of the Air, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Carey BSU Presented Plaque For Volunteerism

Ray Bell, chaplain at Columbia Training School in Columbia and a 1961 graduate of William Carey College, recently presented a handmade plaque to the BSU at William Carey in appreciation for their work at the Training Center.

According to Sam Dunaway, the

Carey student who coordinates the project for the BSU, some five to eight students have traveled at least twice a month for the past four academic years to Columbia to lead a spiritual enrichment period.

The BSU members plan games, lead group singing, and present a devotion. "We also like to get into small groups for sharing times so we can really get to know these kids," he added.

"This project really has a lot of student interest," commented Dunaway, "but we must limit the number of people who can go from the campus because of limited car space. One of my dreams is one day to have a BSU van for use in projects like this."

The plaque, which was created by Chaplain Bell, shows a hand-painted Crusader on a horse, set off by the words "William Carey College Crusaders." The design is from a past logo of the college.



Admiring a plaque presented to the Carey College BSU by Columbia Training School Chaplain Ray Bell, second from left, are: Joseph M. Ernest, Jr., left, Carey's academic vice-president; Rebecca Thompson, vice-president for student affairs at Carey; and Danny Swindle, BSU director. The plaque was presented in recognition of the BSU's work at the Training School and is hand-painted in the college colors of red, black, and white.

Historians Name Prof To Chair

The Southern Baptist Historical Commission, based in Nashville, adopted a 1980-81 budget of \$312,750, named a Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary professor as chairman, and approved in its 1981-82 proposed budget a director of information services to begin work in 1981-82. A long range planning committee was also named.

H. Leon McBeth, professor of church history at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, was elected chairman to succeed Walter B. Shurden, dean of the School of Theology and church history professor at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Other officers are Mrs. Olin J. Owens of Travelers' Rest, S.C., vice chairman; Mrs. C. W. Rich of Nashville, recording secretary; and Lynn E. May, Jr., executive director of the commission.

McBeth was named also to head a seven-member Long Range Planning Committee to study the ministry of the Commission for the remainder of the 20th century.

TV Group Protests Porno Advertisers

TUPELO, Miss. (EP) — The National Federation for Decency here is asking churches to help promote a nationwide boycott of 34 major corporations it calls the country's "Top Porno Pushing Advertisers."

The names of the companies and lists of their products will be circulated through the National Federation for Decency Newsletter to approximately 130,000 churches in all 50 states, said the federation's executive director, Donald E. Wildmon. His organization is best known for its annual survey of the frequency with which profanity, sexual innuendo and sex scenes appear on prime-time television.

The companies were ranked according to the volume of advertising they had placed in "a general sample" of 11 popular sex magazines: Cavalier, Chic, Hustler, Gallery, Playgirl, Playboy, Oui, Penthouse, and three homosexual publications, Genesis, Velvet and Blueboy.

At the top of the survey list was the R. J. Reynolds tobacco company with 70 ad pages, followed by the Joseph F. Seagram and Sons liquor firm with 47 pages. Other companies targeted for the boycott were Philip Morris, Lowes Corp., British Leyland Motors, CBS, Time Inc., Anheuser-Busch, Bic Pen, and McGraw-Hill.

Mother/Daughter Weekend Coming

"Hello, World, We've A Story To Tell," will be the program theme for Mother/Daughter Weekend June 27-28, to be held at Camp Garaywa.

The weekend is for GAs in grades 1-3. Girls entering first grade in September may attend with their mother. This will be the first summer weekend for this age group, and will offer swimming, hiking and other activities that cannot be a part of the other weekend camps.

Registration will begin at 4 p.m. on June 27 and camp will close with the noon meal on Saturday, the 28th. Cost of the camp is \$12.00 per person.

Waudine Storey, GA consultant, State WMU, will direct the camp.

The next Mother/Daughter Weekend is scheduled for Sept. 26-27.

Politics Crisp SBC Approach

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philosophically and scientifically."

That same wording was used last year by Wayne Dehoney, pastor from Louisville, Ky., and former SBC president, in discussion preceding the SBC's vote to reaffirm the SBC's Baptist Faith and Message statement.

Some complained later that Baptist Press (BP) news accounts did not reflect the Dehoney wording, which was part of the discussion, not part of the vote which reaffirmed the Baptist Faith and Message statement as written in 1963. (Since the convention, however, Baptist Press has reported the Dehoney wording in at least four news stories.)

Several other issues may surface in St. Louis, including concern over infringement by government into church activities through the Employee Retirement Security Act (ERISA), use of clergy by the CIA, the selection process for SBC trustees, and debate over prayer in public schools.

The selection process for trustees has come under scrutiny during discussion of the Patterson-Pressler political efforts to name a president who would control com-

mittees which nominate trustees. The president appoints a Committee on Committees, which names a Committee on Boards to nominate trustees for the national SBC agencies for the convention to vote upon.

At least one observer, Duke McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has urged re-evaluation of the appointment process.

The school prayer issue involves efforts led by U. S. Sen. Jesse Helms and supported by a number of evangelicals, including SBC President Rogers, to remove authority from the Supreme Court, via congressional action, to decide on prayer. They would turn that over to individual states.

Opponents of that action say it would weaken the Constitution and would create a hodge-podge of laws across the country which would favor whoever was in the majority. The Supreme Court, they say, only ruled against government-prescribed prayer in schools, not against voluntary prayer. School boards, they say, should be educated to realize that.

The SBC previously has passed a resolution supporting the effect of the Supreme Court ruling.

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Editorials

June is Annuity Month . . .

More care for retirement

Those who have served the Lord through church staff positions and through denominational offices and have retired are very special people in Southern Baptist Convention life. Each year June is observed as Annuity Board Ministries Month in their honor.

The Baptist Record wishes to call attention to this grand group of people and to join in the applause that is due them for their service. They answered the summons when it came, they served as they were led, and they deserve a good life in their retirement.

Some of them had positions that paid well or churches of such size that providing for their future after retirement was not a problem.

All too many of them, however, had churches that either could not be much help in the way of establishing annuities or neglected to try to be of much help. As a result, there are many annuitants who are facing their final years with woefully inadequate incomes.

In Mississippi there are 96 annuitants whose provisions with the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board while they were working now pay them an average of only \$29 per month. Across the nation there are 2,785 in this category. In Mississippi the largest number of annuitants, 137 of the total of 389, receive an average of \$147 per month. Across the nation the largest

number, 3,133, get an average of \$74 per month.

The largest average amount paid annuitants in Mississippi is \$684 per month. There are three in this category. Even this is not much in the face of today's prices and continued inflation. From there the amount drops. One person gets \$566, two get \$460, and two get \$321. When the average amount drops to \$232 the number of annuitants goes up to 31. There are 117 who receive an average of only \$73 per month.

A few across the nation had better provisions. Two get an average of \$1,741, one gets \$1,392, two get \$1,127,

one gets \$1,014, three get \$882, and four get \$756. Those are nationwide figures. There are only 14 who get an average of \$647, 24 get \$547, and 42 get \$441. The amount drops to \$340 before the number of annuitants receiving that amount goes above 100. Then 862 get \$235, and 3,115 get \$147.

The Annuity Board at this time is powerless to make any kind of adjustment in these figures. Annuity funds are controlled by those who deposit them. These figures point up the fact that not enough care was given to retirement time while those people were working and that a great deal more care needs to be exercised in the future.

Sunday School anniversary

Mississippi celebrates founding

The Raikes and Flake Commemoration, marking the 200th anniversary of Sunday School was a very enjoyable occasion.

It was held recently in the municipal auditorium in Jackson under the sponsorship of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

A great deal of the history of a religious movement both abroad and among Southern Baptists was presented in a very palatable form through oration and drama. Robert Raikes, of course,

was the founder of the Sunday School. It was the 200th anniversary of the founding of this movement in England that was being commemorated. Arthur Flake hammered out the principles that caused the giant growth of Southern Baptist Sunday Schools, most of those principles being tested during his tenure as Sunday School superintendent at First Baptist Church, Winona, Miss. He went from there to the Sunday School Board in Nashville in 1909.

The program was resplendent with names that would attract attention anywhere, but two of the speakers particularly seemed to catch the fancy of the 500 or so gathered for the occasion. They were W. A. Breedlove of First Baptist Church, Tupelo, who has taught Sunday School for more than 55 years, and W. E. Holcomb of First Baptist Church, Jackson, who has taught for more than 50 years. Holcomb spoke of his acquaintance with Arthur Flake. Holcomb was the

brother of the late T. L. Holcomb, who was executive secretary of the Sunday School Board immediately preceding James L. Sullivan. Including the present executive head of the Sunday School Board, Grady Cothen, the last three heads of that board have been Mississippi natives.

Mississippi can indeed be proud of her native sons Holcomb, Sullivan, and Cothen as well as a transplanted Texan who led the way in Sunday School growth — Arthur Flake.

Check staff figures . . .

Salary survey report available

A survey report of church staff salaries has been mailed to all churches in the state. Generally, the reports have been directed to the pastors.

Church lay leaders could well avail themselves of this report to see how well the salaries in their churches are faring in comparison with other churches of like size. Salary figures are shown in 14 categories. They are pastor, associate pastor, minister of education, minister of music, minister of music/education, minister of

music/youth, minister of activities, minister of youth, age group ministries, bi-vocational pastor, bi-vocational minister of music, bi-vocational minister of music/youth, associational director of missions, and bi-vocational associational director of missions. In each case the survey reports brackets of income such as average total, highest total, lowest total, etc. It also includes base salary, fringe benefits, and church business expense.

For the ministers the figures are broken down by church membership

sizes — 1 to 150, 151 to 300, 301 to 450, 451 to 750, 751 to 1,200, 1,201 to 1,650, and 1,651 up. The associational directors of missions are broken down by the number of associations served and the number of churches in the associations.

Additional written information is to be found to help committees make decisions.

This study was commissioned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and a committee of board members was appointed to conduct the survey. They are Murry Alexander, Mrs.

Charles Tyler, Irving Parks, Ingram Foster, and Charles Pickering. The committee points out in the report that church staff members are naturally reluctant to bring up salary matters before church committees. The suggestion is that those committees avail themselves of a copy of the report and be sure that their staff members are adequately paid according to what is found to be reasonable.

Churches should not expect their pastors to try to exist on a meager income.

"Guard the gap" . . .

Maintain the tried and productive

By Earl Kelly
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:41-47).

I want to discuss fencing. Fencing requires sacrificial financial outlay for materials and manpower, and we will need that. Fencing for some is to parry. They are good at special defensive movements to evade a thrust of a sword or a question. Instead of taking either of these approaches I want to deal with open gaps in the fence around our Lord's pasture.

From Ezekiel 22:30 it will be recalled that the Lord has been seeking for someone to guard the gap for centuries. The role of your Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is to assist churches and associations in their functions and tasks of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ and of involving them in Christian growth and service as members of indigenous churches. Since the church is the basic unit, there is where we are likely to find the gap.

A congregation of Christians will remain a church so long as the church guards the gap. Occasionally a farmer adds new livestock to his fenced pasture. He will instruct the gap attendant to "let down the gap." In the process of bringing the new in there is always danger that the old will get out.

Mississippi Baptists have tried about every new method known to man to increase the size of the Lord's flock. The needs of the age and demands of the churches and associations have called on your Convention Board to run a large group of specialized assignments through the gap. Work with the mentally retarded, recreation, ministry to singles and senior citizens, day care centers, kindergartens, lay renewal, disaster relief, building fund campaigns, social ministries, bus ministry, Christian Service Corps, counsel in church architecture, camping and assembly programs, lay mission involvement, and vocational and career counseling are but a few of the special program assignments that have been run into the Lord's pasture during the last decade. There can be no

question that these were needed, and statistics would seem to bear out the worth of specialties. My greatest fear is not that the newer and challenging assignments will graze the pasture top short—as time-consuming and expensive as they may be. Rather I fear that while we are running some of these new stock through the gap some of the old tried and productive herd may slip out through the opening in the gap.

When we learn that the average existence of an American congregation on a given location is less than 70 years, we must challenge the ecumenical wing of Christianity which uses the expression "the church is always the church." Like all objects (or subjects) capable of being known (including God himself), a church has attributes which inhere in its essence. As long as it retains these attributes it is a healthy church. When some are weak, perverted, or missing it is a sick church. When enough are so, it is a dead church. A dead church is no church at all.

These characteristics are not formally listed in the Bible; they are demonstrated. Here, as frequently in other areas, theology is formed by extrapolation of general truths from history. For a brief time following Pentecost there was only one church and it was in Jerusalem. A study of the first, pure church as it is revealed in Acts 2:41-47 can demonstrate for us a true image of a vital local church.

A local church should possess vitality.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls (Acts 2:41).

The true functions of a vital church appear in the verses that follow. Four of them are in verse 42: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine, and in the fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers." They continued steadfastly in a Greek construction indicating that all that follows in v. 42 were functions to which they gave constant

attention. They are not incidentals but the main thrust. These are those that made up the old breed herd before we began letting the gap down to run in the new stock.

1. They gave constant attention to the apostles' doctrine.

The language is technical, exact, and plain. The word for doctrine is not the word for the gospel that is preached to the unsaved to bring them to Christ. It is *didache*, teaching or doctrine—the whole counsel of God on the way to mature Christian discipleship. Modern Christians are said to desire a contemporary message that makes Christianity relevant. The Bible says they need doctrine so they will know what Christianity is! Doctrinal instruction must have priority in a vital church program.

2. The common life in Christ made them want to be with one another and help one another.

The Greek word is *koinonia*—"fellowship"—not ordinary sociability around a coffee cup, but mutuality, commonality, participation on the vital level of inner being. Aside from the indwelling presence of Christ himself, this mutuality was the most precious thing in the life of these people. They enjoyed what Bonhoeffer called "life together." Just as Jesus said it would, faith in him separated these converts from Judaism from their families. Shortly it would separate the believing daughter from her pagan mother, the believing husband from his pagan wife, and a "man's foes" became "they of his own household." The sword which Jesus promised came. But every Christian had a new family so that they could say with Jesus, "... whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister and my mother" (Mt. 3:35). A church must be a fellowship where those in trouble feel at home.

3. The "breaking of bread," observance of the Lord's Supper, was the central instrument of collective worship.

Thus the intellectual aspect of the

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"The Flower Thereof Falleth Away"



Letters To The Editor

Help from Mississippi

Editor:

We would like to express our appreciation to the churches of Mississippi and especially the Tangipahoa Baptist Church of Summit for their concern for and commitment to pioneer missions. In April this church, at the invitation of the First Baptist Church on Montesano, Wash., sent the pastor, W. C. (Dub) Burns, to lead in revival services. The church paid all of his expenses to and from his destination. God had the right man in the right place at the right time. There were several professions of faith and many rededications. The people said it was the best revival they had ever experienced. Thank God we are still experiencing revival.

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Nolan R. Mapp is a native of Mississippi and a former Mississippi Pastor. — Editor.

Bible Book Series

Editor:

While reading letters to the editor, I felt I must write and ask that you continue the "Bible Book Series, Sunday School Lesson."

I teach an adult class, First Baptist, Ellisville, and we are using this material. Many of my class members depend on reading the lesson from the Baptist Record along with their book. This really helps our Sunday morning Bible study.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sam F. Deaton
505 Hwy 11 North
Ellisville, MS 39437

Editor:

Four teachers of the Adult V Sunday School Department (Enrollment 95) of the First Baptist Church of Starkville have requested that I express to you their appreciation for the "Bible Book Series" which gives them valuable help in teaching their Adult Sunday School Classes each Sunday morning.

From a previous issue of the Baptist Record they understand that the "Bible Book Series" may be discontinued as a regular feature. We would very much like to see it continued.

C. Dale Hoover, Director
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Editor:

I enjoy very much the printed lesson on The Bible Book Series. I also depend on it to prepare my lesson each week. The text we are studying now is so deep that this helps me to better understand the material I am trying to teach.

Please continue to print this in the future as I believe many other people enjoy it as I do.

Mrs. Bill Taylor
Greenville

Uniform Series

Editor:

This is to express my appreciation, as well as my T.E.L. Class, for your intention to return to the Uniform Series Sunday School literature at an early date. We have missed it in the Baptist Record and hope that it will not be discontinued again for any reason.

Sincerely,
(Miss) Ada Bond
FBC
Moss Point, MS

Thanks from Hawaii

Editor:

I wish first of all to thank Mississippi Baptists for sharing your executive secretary and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly, who recently ministered in our Living Proof Revival. These dear people became one with us in every way, and God warmed and blessed our hearts through them. We had a number of decisions while they were here, and we have been having decisions all along since because of Revival Outreach. Dr. Kelly has been a long-time personal friend. We had never known Marjorie. We fell in love with her and feel that Mississippi Baptists are truly blessed to have such a team! I must furthermore express the gratefulness of our strategic Waikiki Baptist Church, ministering to people every week from all over the earth, to Harold Kitchings and the Mississippi

Baptist Foundation, for support that has made for financial stability here in our church for these two and one-half years we have been here as pastor and family. Your investment is paying real dividends in spiritual returns in the work of our Lord through our people. Your investment makes possible a part time staff who minister to all kinds of needs in Waikiki.

The other major matter I wish to thank Mississippi Baptists for is sharing Dr. and Mrs. Joe Odle with us at our Pearl Harbor Baptist Church, and in all of our work, for the months they served recently. They were so vibrant and dedicated and helpful. They were an inspiration to all of us in every Christian sense! They made us to feel their deep personal interest here in Waikiki. I know they did the same with many others. I well remember his dynamic message of Bold Mission Challenge to our Honolulu Association in the fall of 1978. I remember with deepest gratitude their hosting of our State Convention at the First Southern Baptist Church at Pearl Harbor. I remember with what careful diplomacy they led the Pearl Harbor Church when they called their present wonderful pastor and family, the W. C. Garlands.

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Grassroots Responsibility

Editor:

In the light of the recent article, "Seven Deny charges of Liberalism," (May 29, 1980), it seems only obvious that the way to solve the controversy as to the validity of Dr. Patterson's charges of "liberalism" is for the serious pastor and the interested layman to acquire and read the books written by the authors indicated by Dr. Patterson.

For example, over against Dr. Patterson's charges Dr. Humphreys says, "He (meaning Patterson) gave the letter of my words but not the spirit of my book." I would greatly encourage pastors and laymen alike to read Dr. Humphreys' book, *The Death of Christ* to find out for themselves the content and the spirit of the book. The time and effort would be well spent on so great an issue as this.

The late Dr. B. H. Carroll, founder of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (who was from Carroll County, Mississippi by the way) said, "If the faculty, the trustees, nor the convention officials do not remove heresy — then take it to the common grassroots Baptists — they'll hear you and do something about it."

Isn't it time the grassroots became responsible? For us to say that the inerrancy issue is a matter for the specialists is a "cop-out." Let's wake up and get to work!

Ben Mitchell, Pastor
Poplar Flat Baptist Church
Louisville, MS

Thanks for Handbells

Editor:

Once again Mississippi Baptists have responded lovingly and generously to the cause of missions. In addition to the commendable response of the Baptists of this state through the Cooperative Program and other mission offerings, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of local churches, mission organizations, and individuals in meeting our special needs on the mission field. These unsolicited gifts and contributions to our work from concerned Mississippi Baptists will help to extend our ministry and outreach as we return to Spain in August of this year. Not the least of these gifts was the recent presentation of handbells to our mission for our use in Spain. This contribution to our work was the result of the Mississippi W.M.U. through their state convention offering and the Singing Churchmen, who also made a personal impact upon missions through a concert tour in our country of service last Spring. We are excited about the future opportunities for outreach, witness, evangelism, and worship that will be offered us through the use of the bells.

Mississippi Baptists have truly been a blessing to us during our furlough. We return to Spain confident that these same people will be supporting us with their prayers.

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Sam's Crew Scores In Dominican Republic

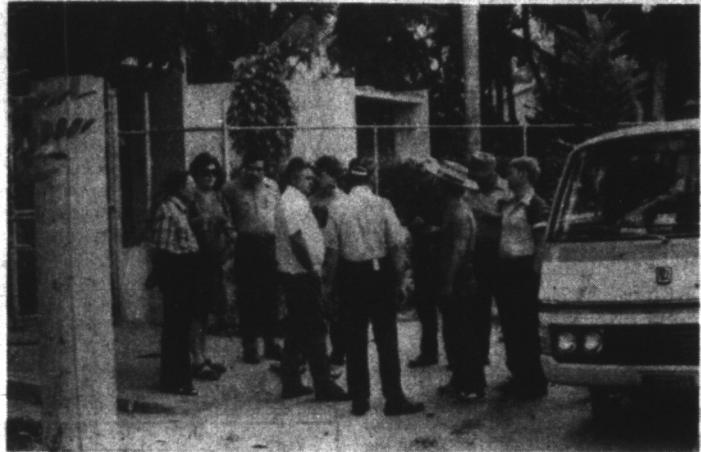
By Sara Hines Martin, Missionary
Dominican Republic

Sam Turner and his crew of nine men went to the town of Santiago, Dominican Republic, in March on a work trip that Sam intended "to do something to the men as well as through them." To achieve this goal, Sam, executive director of missions of the Gulf Coast Association, called the men together for sharing sessions before leaving this country to develop a spirit of unity and commitment within the group. Once there, the men met nightly for "rap" sessions to evaluate the day and to share feelings.

The actual work the men accomplished was to put up the walls and



Ronnie Magee and Terry Boney mix mortar.



Work crew leaves the home of Ray and Millie Douglas (left), missionaries, for the work site.



Eliu Camacho, left, was interpreter. Ronnie Magee is at center. The community of Santiago is in background.



Jack Hode, left and Charles Red, right, set a lenth form board. The new walls were put outside the wall of the old building on three sides. On one side, the new wall is inside. This allowed the workers to keep a shady spot. The roof was to be moved over to the new building the week after the Mississippi crew left. The walls were finished on Friday at 1:30 p.m.; the crew had begun work on Monday morning.



Sam Turner preaches during the closing service of Religious Emphasis Week at the Santiago Christian School

decorative blocks for a church building, 22' x 37' in the community of Little Prunes in Santiago, in the central part of the country. Missionaries Ray and Millie Douglas invited the men to do this project. The men built new walls around an existing frame building. They got as far as the lintel (the binding at the top that holds the walls together) and the church moved the roof later and bought doors.

The missionary hosts had planned a full week of visiting and witnessing in addition to the physical work. The Santiago Christian School, an English-speaking school in this Spanish-speaking country, had scheduled their spiritual emphasis week months before. As the time came near and no speakers were available, the school leaders were getting nervous. They considered it a direct act of the Lord to provide members of this week crew to lead singing, give testimonies, and provide special music for the assemblies. Ray Douglas said, "The group's contribution to Santiago Christian School's spiritual emphasis week was very positive and well received." On Friday, two students made professions of faith.

As the men worked, they had Dominican helpers of all ages. The community was surprised that the men had come to work with their hands and not to be bosses. Ray said, "The group's interaction with the community around the construction site was outstanding. They related to the people rather than simply doing something for them. This is what speaks to people."

The mayor and assistant mayor came to call Tuesday to see what was going on. The mayor invited visitors to his home one night. He told them, "I came because of the report the people gave me of the men who were working on the church and how happy they were." In their visit with him to the home of the assistant mayor, he and his wife accepted Christ, in response to the testimony and sharing of the project people, and the invitation that Eliu Camacho, Spanish-speaking member of the group, gave.

The missionary sponsors of this group said: "We feel that Sam Turner had a good idea in leading the men to expect God to do something to them as well as through them. Probably the greatest value of the project will lie in the spiritual development of the men and the insights and inspiration they will take back to their churches. Through the group interaction sessions, the men were able to work out personal differences and resolve friction and become understanding of one another."

They continued, "The inspiration and help of the group were appreciated. They were one of the best organized, most compatible, and easy-to-please groups we ever had. We particularly appreciated the men preparing their own breakfast one morning when we had to be away."

One team member reported that the most impressive thing to him was the radiant personalities and brilliant smiles of the Dominican Christians. "They don't seem to let daily problems get them down."

Another man said, "The week was long, but worthwhile. It was good to see another country, people, and culture. I made friends with Dominican brothers in Christ."

Charles Red, minister of music and youth in Long Beach, said: "It's too bad we can't take home the Christian spirit and attitudes of the church members we met. Their warmth and concern is what we need in our USA churches. Somewhere, we have bogged down in ourselves."

When the group arrived, they learned that between the time that the invitation had been issued and the arrival of the crew, Ray and Millie Douglas had learned that Ray had leukemia. Ray and Millie were under a great strain because of his illness, preparing to leave for medical furlough, and coping with the work load. The Douglasses expressed appreciation for the sensitivity of these men who tried to ease the strain on their hosts and to give prayer support for them in a very stressful time.

Members of the team were: Sam Turner, Gulf Coast Association, director of missions; Eliu Camacho-Vazquez, Primera Iglesia; Bill Reed, Emmanuel; Charles Red, Long Beach, FBC; Ronnie Magee, Bay St. Louis, FBC; Terry Boney, Emmanuel; Leon Ondell, Long Beach, FBC; and Jack Hode, Bay St. Louis.

What maintains one vice would bring up two children. — Franklin

Hatred is the coward's revenue for being intimidated. — George Bernard Shaw

Luther Rice's Witty Confirms Merger Report

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Luther Rice Seminary President Robert Witty has confirmed that the board of his institution has taken action urging that it and the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas explore possibilities for a merger.

The LRS action in Jacksonville, Fla., May 9, included requests that the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies grant permission for Luther Rice to invite the president of the Criswell Center "to share a position of administrative leadership with the chief LRS administrative officer."

It also asked that the Criswell Center, which Paige Patterson serves as president, and its sponsoring organization, First Baptist Church, Dallas, allow W. A. Criswell "to become honorary chancellor of LRS." Criswell is pastor of the church and chancellor of the Criswell Center.

Witty said the next move in exploring the merger will be made by the board of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies when it meets in July.

He emphasized that the proposed merger in which, he said, the two schools would maintain their separate identities, is not proposed "on the basis of personalities, but on the basis of institutional relationships."

"Informal conversation" between the two schools, he said, reveals "compatibility of conservative Baptist doctrine and desire to serve a ministerial education need among Southern Baptists." Neither school has any official connection with the Southern Baptist Convention or any state Baptist convention.

Lauderdale Group Will Go To Alaska

The construction teams are complete for the Lauderdale County Alaska Mission Project set for June 16-24. Twenty people will be traveling to work on two churches: North Star Church at Clear, Alaska and Moose Creek Church, Fairbanks.

The following people make up the two construction teams: Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Snowden, M/Mrs. Turner Pigford, Kenneth Livingston, FBC, Collinsville; M/Mrs. Leland Snowden, FBC, Meridian; Jerry Bishop, M/Mrs. Houston Garrett, M/Mrs. Harvey Hollingsworth, FBC, Lauderdale; Cal Cooley, Carroll Fuller, Melvin Swain, Tommy Swain, Keith Swain, Tooms Church; Edgar Wolfe, Oak Grove Church; Dale Carmichael, New York Church, and C. M. (Sonny) Vincent, Jr., Pine Forest Church.

The women will be working in Vacation Bible Schools during the week.

The saints are the sinners who keep on trying. — Stevenson



Jerry and Judy

TV Will Give Close-Up Look At Jerry Clower

Country Music's humorist, The "Mouth of the Mississippi," Jerry Clower, is the subject of an in-depth syndicated television special produced by "Judy Denson Productions." The TV special, which is currently being aired throughout Mississippi, is a close-up look at the Opry star marking his 10-year involvement in show business. The special looks at Clower's beginnings as a Yazoo City fertilizer salesman to his being named "Country Comic of the Year" for eight consecutive years.

Behind the production of this special is Mississippi television personality, Judy Moon. Moon, also marking 10 years in television, recently organized "Judy Denson Productions" to produce syndicated television specials. The Clower special is her first undertaking and one that she says she had her eye on for some time.

The 30-minute special slated as "On The Spot With Judy Moon" will be aired on most Mississippi stations in the upcoming months. Check with local stations for specific dates and times.

The poor are my best patients — God pays for them. — Herman Boerhaave, M.D.

The word "aims" has no singular, as if to teach us that a solitary act of charity scarcely deserves the name.

Revival Dates

Robinson Street Church (Hinds-Madison): June 8-11; each evening at 7:30; James M. Doyle, pastor, preaching; Don Moore of Aberdeen, music evangelist; Whit Whittington, organist; Patsy Gladney, pianist. (Doyle came to the church as pastor in March, 1979 from Jeffersonville, Ind. Moore served Robinson Street several years ago as minister of music while attending Mississippi College. Both Whittington and Gladney are staff musicians at the church.)

Maintain The Tried . . .

(Continued from page 4)

church's life (doctrine) and the social (fellowship) must be joined to an activity performed in the solemn conscious presence of the resurrected Christ. Man's greatest act toward God is worship. The sermon, the reading of the Scripture, singing, the ordinances, and prayer should be vehicles of worship. The preaching function, since it conveys the Word, the instrument of all spiritual life and service, is central in all our worship.

4. The early Christian gave constant attention to prayer.

Special emphasis is given to the church's prayers. The man on his knees, in the Bible is sometimes a man alone in his closet or elsewhere alone. More frequently we find three or four together, as Jesus desired in Gethsemane, or the "twelve," "a hundred and twenty" (Acts 1:14,15), "their own company," (Acts 4:23-31) or "Where many were gathered together and were praying" (Acts 12:12). Even the martyr saints under God's altar in the throne room of God pray in concert (Rev. 6:9,10). Let God's people learn the art of prayer from advanced practitioners if some are to be found at the prayer meetings, then perhaps there may be more meaningful private prayer in the closet.

5. The Jerusalem congregation constantly engaged itself in Christian testimony.

And day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple . . . praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to them day by day

those that were saved . . . And every day, in the temple and at home, they ceased not to teach and preach (Greek—teaching and evangelizing) Jesus as the Christ (Acts 2:46,47; 5:42).

A miracle took place at Pentecost—the salvation of one or three thousand sinners is always a miracle. We sometimes overlook the miracle that followed Pentecost. Think of it—120 Christians who were able to absorb three thousand Jews into their number and remain a Christian church. In one day the Jerusalem church experienced a 2,500 percent increase; and yet the church absorbed a bulk 25 times its size and remained a living, vital organism. Problems did come in later, but at first the 120 were a microcosm of what the 3,000 were to become. The 120 imparted their ideas, customs, institutions, habits, ideals, and activities to the three thousand. Love crossed all boundaries; and people of diverse languages and customs were welded into a loving, living, preaching, praying force that shook the world.

A church of the twentieth century ministers in an everchanging world. Our society is like the sand of the seashore, cast up and thrashed about by a wave of the ocean, falling down to rest a moment only to be lifted by the next wave or the next full tide to be thrashed some more. In such a society man finds himself transient, lonely, bewildered and unhappy. Yet we seem unable to reach out and do what the early church did. Many of our churches cannot absorb one neighboring family of sincere Christians and

quickly make them feel at home.

One may describe the functions of the church in any number of terms but these were the five things that gave vitality to the first church. Wherever these functions prevail you will find a living organism absorbing new persons into the body naturally and without pain. The vital process in which growth consists and exists will operate constantly, not sporadically. Add all the new you can to the Lord's pasture, but don't allow any of the pedigreed brood stock to escape. They are (1) proclamation of apostolic doctrine, (2) the mutuality of life among members "the fellowship," (3) worship of God, especially at the Lord's table, (4) united prayer leading to private prayer at home, and finally (5) praiseworthy testimony to the saving power of Jesus' name both in public and in private.

When we view the Bold Mission assignment of reaching the world with the Good News and take a hard look at the world, our minds are staggered by the challenge. For instance, are you aware that there are more young people between the ages of six and twenty years in Asia than the total combined population of Africa, Europe, North America and South America? Unless we prepare for this task by engaging the 1,000,000 who are lost in our own state we will hardly possess the radical skill needed to take part in such a world-wide venture. It is time to risk all on witnessing. We must "go for broke."

This is a condensation of an address delivered at the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November, 1978.

National Guard Awards Magnolia Cross To Robert Wall, Minister-Photographer

Nearly 20 years ago a Lion's Club president at Kalispell, Mont., asked one of his new members, a young minister who had moved there to establish a Southern Baptist mission, to put together a color slide presentation for a special program.

Little did the Lion's Club president realize nor did the new preacher know what would grow from the humble beginning. That first program became the foundation for Robert Wall to launch a patriotic ministry which has reached into communities throughout the United States.

On May 8, Major (Chaplain) Wall retired from the Mississippi National Guard. A veteran of service in Europe near the end of World War II, the Brookhaven native first received a commission as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, but after a few months was appointed a captain (chaplain) in the Montana Army National Guard. From 1965 until he returned home to Mississippi in 1971 Wall served with the Montana Guard, then transferred to the Mississippi Guard without losing a day of service.

In early days of his slide presentations he used a stereo camera and projector. Once his program was in progress he became a man completely engrossed in activity. He read the script, manually changed the slides, and adjusted the volume on the amplifiers for the speaker system, and did all this using a small beam from a penlight for light.

Spectators watched in amazement as, through the magic of still photography flowers bloomed, trees changed to match the seasons of the year, bald eagles nested, hatched, and grew up to hunt and fish. The Liberty Bell rang while early patriots voiced their dedication to the cause of independence.

So well received was the Lion's Club program that it resulted in many invitations for repeat performances.

Later came many awards, including a prized George Washington Honor Medal from Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge.

"America O America the Beautiful" (formerly titled "What America Means to Me"), now is presented in multi-media form with wide screens, numerous slide projectors, stereo sound and automated scene changing.

This program has been presented over 1000 times in 28 states; five times in the Pentagon; five times in Alaska; at the National Adjutants General Conference in Biloxi; at the National Recruiting Conference; at National Guard Association meetings in Florida, Montana, Mississippi, Georgia, and Nevada; and at Langley Air Force Base, Va. Nearly all of these states and organizations have recognized Wall with various awards, medals, and plaques.

When Wall, his wife Elaine, and two young children, left a secure position as pastor of a church in Brookhaven and headed northward several years ago, they had no idea of their destination. His faith in God and a desire to reach people through Christian ministry led him to Montana where for ten years they lived and worked while building a church.

"Sometimes we would be completely out of money and not know where our next meal was coming from, but something would happen to see us through the crisis. Checks in various amounts would arrive from people we had never heard of or from friends to keep us going," Wall explained.

In 1971, the Wall family left their adopted home in Montana and returned to his alma mater, Mississippi College at Clinton, where today he is director of church relations. He has developed multi-media programs on behalf of the college in addition to his other duties.



Major (Chaplain) Robert Wall, right, receives the Mississippi Magnolia Cross during ceremonies in Jackson while his wife, Elaine, looks on. Maj. Gen. Cohen E. Robertson, the Adjutant General, makes the presentation. Wall is a member of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. Robertson is a deacon at Parkway, Jackson.

Counseling Feature Added To 'At Home with the Bible'



John Drakeford (left) and Frank Pollard discuss answers to viewers' questions each week on "At Home with the Bible."

By Linda Lawson

NASHVILLE — A woman writes to say that after being a Christian for many years, she has begun to have doubts about her faith.

Does this mean she may not be a Christian after all?

This question and other common concerns such as how to become a Christian, dealing with divorce, learning how to love and how to witness will be discussed by John Drakeford and Frank Pollard during a five-minute segment each week on "At Home with the Bible" beginning in January.

Pollard is host and Bible teacher on the weekly radio and television program produced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission. Drakeford is professor of psychology and counseling at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

The questions are selected from the hundreds of letters received each month from persons who have seen or

heard the program or who are participating in a monthly home Bible study course produced by the Sunday School Board. Each letter writer also receives a personal written reply to his question.

To the woman who wondered if her doubts meant she was not really a Christian, Drakeford reassured her that "most thoughtful Christians have some moments of doubt."

"The Christian faith can stand examination. Of course, we're going to have some ups and downs," Drakeford said. "The differences is that we have the presence of the living Christ."

Another questioner wondered why, when a person tries to live a Christian life, does he have enemies.

"Christ didn't have it too easy," Drakeford noted. "He faced many difficulties. Many who try to take a stand for what they believe is right will be misunderstood."

On marriage and divorce, Drakeford began by emphasizing that "the Bible teaches that marriage is

permanent. This is God's ideal and the way he wants it to be. However, people make mistakes," he said.

"I cannot feel convinced that God requires them (divorced persons) to be celibate and doesn't allow them to begin again," said Drakeford. "I believe he forgives all sin. If he forgives, remarriage should be an option. I believe a God of love who understands people continues to be with them."

Some who have written in with questions later write again to report positive changes in their lives.

One woman wrote to ask about how to deal with depression. In return she received a letter putting her in touch with a pastor in her area for counseling. She wrote again to report that she had become a Christian and was about to be married.

Drakeford, who has written 26 books and directs a counseling center, said he prefers counseling through the visual medium of television to the "cold print" of the written word. On TV I can look into their eyes and have visual contact."

While time limitations are great, Drakeford said "because time is precious you get down to brass tacks right away, cutting away the unnecessary verbiage to get an idea across."

Also, he noted, "people feel they know you. Many think of Frank Pollard as a friend."

The questions discussed on the program are selected from viewers' letters "because they have a universal concern," Pollard said.

12 Get Degrees In Fort Worth

Twelve from Mississippi were part of a record graduating class during spring commencement May 9 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. They were:

W. Stephen Hardwick, Corinth, MDiv; Henry Grant Lee Jr., Tunica, MDiv; Philip R. McRae, Jackson, MDiv; Gary D. Pearce, Clinton, MDiv; Billy Keith Putt, Corinth, MDiv; Bernard Emerson Warren, Hattiesburg, MDiv;

Bruce Irwin Davis, Flora, MRE; Jerome Carroll Farmer, Jackson, MRE; Jerry Carl Gates, Hattiesburg, MRE; Larry Wallace McGee, New Albany, MRE; Jack Caldwell Provine, Jr., Grenada, MRE; and Tommy A. Shumate, Jackson, MRE.

St. Paul, Minn. (EP) — The Minnesota Tax Court has rejected the claim of an Eden Prairie, Minn., couple that their home is owned by the Basic Bible Church of America and thus is exempt from property taxes. Tax Court Judge Earl Gustafson said the house is not owned by a church, is not being used primarily for religious purposes and is not exempt from real estate taxes.

Staff Changes

Robert Goodman has moved to First Church, McComb, to become minister of music. He came from a similar position at First Church, Forny, Tex.

Park Haven Church, Laurel has called a new pastor, Henry Freeman, and a new music director, Bill Myers.

Billy Joe Hallmark, formerly minister of education at West Jackson Street Church in Tupelo, has accepted a similar position at Pinelake Church in Rankin County. Hallmark is a graduate of Mississippi State University and New Orleans Seminary. He was a school teacher before he entered the religious education ministry and has also served Calvary Church, Pascagoula.

Members of Eastside Church, Magee, have called Ronnie Jones as pastor. Jones and his family moved into the parsonage the week of May 26.

Jones has been in the ministry since 1959. Eastside Church, Decatur, Ala. ordained him. He goes to Magee from Phalti Church, Prentiss.

In addition to Jones' wife, the former Pat Everett of Lake, other members of his family include two sons, Anthony, 15, and Chad, 10.

Wayne Meeks of Wildwood Church, Laurel, has accepted the position as minister of music, youth and education at First Church, Waynesboro.

He received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and attended New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Marsha Shoemaker of the Beat Four community. They have three children.

Wahalak Will

Dedicate Building

Dedication services for the new Wahalak Church Building in Kemper County will be held June 8 at 11 a.m. O. P. Moore of Newton, interim pastor, states, "The congregation has felt God's blessing throughout the building program, which has been supported entirely by contributions from members and gifts from friends."

The dedication service will be led by John Merck of Saraland, Ala., with special music by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dean of Newton.

Dinner will be served. The afternoon service will be led by Kermit Sharp, missions director for Kemper and Neshoba Counties.

Revival services will be held the following week, led by Grady Crowell, missions director, Clarke County.

A. V. Windham has resigned as minister of education at Temple Church, Hattiesburg, and has accepted the position as minister of education at Hillcrest Church, Jackson.

Richard Jenkins is the new minister of youth and music at FBC, Lambert. He, his wife Tammy, and daughter Casey moved from FBC, Sumner to Lambert and began their ministry there on May 19. Wayne Long is the pastor.

Edsel Wells has resigned the pastorate of First, Marion to accept the pastorate of Immanuel Church, Natchez. He expects to be on the field July 1.

Ray Glover has moved to the pastorate of the National Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., from First Church, Verona.

Marty J. Evans, Jr. has accepted the pastorate of Blue Lake Church, Lambert. He formerly was Bible teacher for the Greenville Christian School.

Johnny Spencer began his duties June 1 as the new pastor of the Duncan Church in Bolivar Association. His wife is the former Nancy Porter of Tupelo, and they have two daughters, Susie and Gayle, both students at Delta State University.

Spencer received his B.S. degree from Memphis State; B.D. from New Orleans Seminary; D.D. from Florida Baptist College at Miami; M.E.D. from Mississippi College; and has done work toward a Ph.D. in psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi.

He has served pastorates in Tennessee, Florida, and Mississippi. His secular experience includes serving as assistant dean of the Graduate School of Mississippi College, 1968-69; on the staff of the Tennessee Psychiatric Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., 1968-70; owner of the Batesville Container Company, 1975-79.

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Conversion

Dry Creek was flooded, enraged and muddled, rocking the bridge on the old church road. A deacon stopped us. "It won't hold a car." We walked, and even we were a dangerous load. "That old bridge is going to go!"

The evening sermon matched the elements. Our powerful preacher stormed and roared from the pulpit, and not a heart escaped untouched, as the lost were invited aboard. He held out his arms, "Won't you come?"

To us children at Friendship Church it was never a matter of whether but when. Laurie and I had talked seriously and I had faithfully promised my friend we would go together, but she was not here.

The preacher had hold of the congregation for Jesus and he wouldn't let go. A man named Moses wept on a sinner's shoulder. I was punched by every girl on the bench row, already joined, and Ellen said, "Go on!"

The preacher roared, "What if you die tonight unconverted?" My heart was reborn but torn. I had promised. A car drove us to the creek in the rain, and people walked a log, forlorn over the wild unrepenting water.

"No more!" someone yelled as the log turned. But a little girl was already running to the other side. "Thank God, you're safe," Miz Mary crooned. Safe. Saved — hunting for my Savior. And on the sunniest day

two little girls joined the church and some adults. The baptistry in the large brick building was inoperable. Dry Creek was only ankle deep, perversely. So we gathered at Clear Creek, nearby.

The preacher and I stood in the calm water, and in the presence of the heavenly host he said in a loud voice: "I BAPTIZE YOU, MY SISTER, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY GHOST."

—Violet Reeves Tackett McComb

The Comforter

Who can be alone When the Spirit dwells within, Bearing witness with my spirit Free from bondage, free from sin!

Who can be alone When our Heavenly Father said, "Will I give thee a stone. When you, my heirs, and children, Ask for bread?"

I shall not be alone in the desert Nor on the waters of the lake For my faith is in His promises; He would never leave me, nor forsake.

Alone, but never lonely In this world not made with hands, For the Holy Spirit speaks and comforts. —And understands

—Louise Gladstich McComb

A Welcome Guest

Why doesn't my preacher come today When my house is nice and clean? All my beds are neatly made—No quilt scraps to be seen. I even have a clean dress on. No tangles in my hair. I've been happy all day long. Not a worry or a care. But just the day when all goes wrong And everything's a clutter. And all the house is in a mess And looking worse than a gutter. I'll hear a knock and look about, Thinking it's my Sunday school teacher.

But when I go to open the door—There stands the Baptist preacher! Even though my house is in a mess And I may look a fright, When I see him standing there, He is a welcome sight!

—Mrs. J. E. Franklin Oxford

Apology

Lord, I humbly apologize For the worry I caused you today, I made such a mess of things—Trying to have my own way, I completely lost my direction, Yet I blindly stumbled along, I wouldn't listen to you, Lord—But I know now that I was wrong. Along in the hush of the evening I don't feel a bit wiser, Life would be vain without you Lord, I humbly apologize.

—Mamie W. Lewis Gulfport

Happy the man, of mortals happiest he, What quiet mind from vain desire is free.

—George Granville

Nailprints In The Ark

Scaffers, they, at Noah's preaching Reasoned, "There will be no flood; No sane man would build an ark!" Noah preached on, heaving gopher wood.

The deluge came that Noah predicted; Alerted scaffers, smitten, cried "What can we do, where can we go? In all this rain we'll never survive!"

Stricken by torrential water They clawed the wall of pitch and wood Pleading, "Noah, let us in! We're drowning in this flood."

But God had closed the door to them Just as He does to-day To rebellious men who hear His voice, Yet repeatedly turn away.

—Marguerite G. Watkins Pascagoula

Philadelphia (EP) — The American Friends (Quaker) Service Committee's National Board of Directors has joined in mourning the tragic loss of American servicemen's lives in Iran, while at the same time calling for a public pledge against any further U. S. military intervention, for acknowledgement of the U.S. role in support of the Shah, and for release of the hostages.

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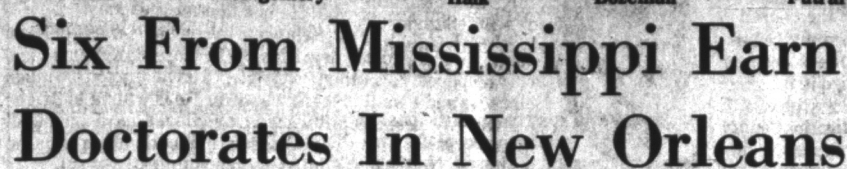
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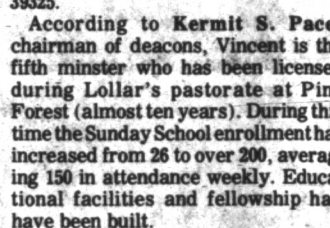
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Turner is executive director of missions for the Gulf Coast Baptist Association, and formerly served six years as missionary to Kenya. He received the doctor of ministry degree

The Hanging Moss Church, Jackson, met in special conference May 18 and voted to change its name to North Jackson Baptist Church. The recommendation was presented by the deacon council after one year of prayer and discussion under the advisement of the pastor, Cecil Brasell.

"One of the main reasons the ten-

Theodore E. Snazelle has been appointed as professor of biology in the Division of Science and Mathematics at Mississippi College. He is a graduate of Belmont College and holds the master of science and the doctor of philosophy degrees from Purdue University. Since 1972 he has been on the faculty of the University of Tennessee where he was full professor and coordinator of biological sciences. He is a Baptist.



He currently serves as professor of biblical introduction and archaeology at New Orleans Seminary. He has been a member of the New Orleans seminary faculty since 1968.

Thomas Bert Lackey, former executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, died May 27 in Oklahoma City. Lackey, 74, had been in declining health since 1977 when he suffered a heart attack. Lackey died at Baptist Medical Center, a facility he was instrumental in building. During his 20 years as administrative head of the state convention, Lackey also led in building two retirement centers and a childcare facility. He was a native of Opal, Ark., and was executive secretary in Oklahoma 1951-71.

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On Saturday, May 24, the Children's Village observed its first "Parent's Day." Parents and other members of the natural families of many of our children were honored as our campus guests on the Jackson Campus in a day of fun, food and fellowship. To an increasing degree, The Children's Village is a family-oriented ministry as we emphasize the role of the Village child in his natural family, attempt to build upon every meaningful natural family relationship, and exert every influence we can toward rehabilitation of stable, private homes. We think the institution of "Parent's Day" should be of material assistance to our staff in this important facet of our ministry. Parents and natural families of Village wards should understand our agency and its staff, our methods and how we are trying to help, more thoroughly after this day of relaxed association with children and staff. "Parent's Day" was planned and supervised by Mrs. Annette Hitt, our Director of Christian Education, with the assistance of Robert Catlett, our Director of Recreation and the entire Jackson Campus staff.

The formal proceedings of the day will conclude at the close of the luncheon. Guests will be invited to remain for as long as they choose for informal visits on our Farrow Manor Campus.

As previously announced, "Children — Our Special Trust," represents periods of child care focus offered by The Children's Village, not as promotional events, but in a sincere effort to better inform Mississippi Baptists and individual friends of children with reference to the nature of our ministry and its challenges.

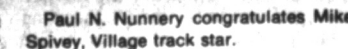
Through the generosity of The Garden Club of Mississippi, Inc., fifteen boys from the Jackson Campus and from Dickerson Place in Lincoln County will attend a nature camp in Holmes County Park. Enjoyable experiences and valuable lessons in group association and in good citizenship come to Village children each summer through the courtesies of friends such as these.

News accounts of a major gift by Mrs. Patricia Nash Dean of Bond, Mississippi to The Baptist Children's Village have appeared in a number of newspapers, including THE BAPTIST RECORD, in recent weeks. We just want to mention this substantial gift here again, in order that everyone may understand that those of us who live and work at The Village are very excited by this large gift of land, and most grateful to Mrs. Dean, who has been a good friend of the boys and girls at The Baptist Children's Village for a number of years. In the accompanying space, there appears a photograph, affording only a partial view of the spacious Dean home, which is much too extensive to be captured in one photograph. Both the large and lovely house and the 25 acres of lands surrounding the house offer many advantages for The Children's Village and its child care ministry of the future.

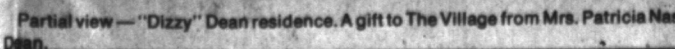
which has been shared with our civic ministry for so many years as we are prayerfully hopeful that the 1980 Mother's Day offering will be adequate to meet our needs. Administration and Trustees at The Village recognize that the current economic climate presents a difficult financial picture for many local churches, and we believe you know how urgently we need your help. Added child care facilities, exceedingly high costs of operation and the burden of servicing our capital indebtedness, render our fiscal challenge even more serious than usual. If you or your church has

"DEANASH", the name we have chosen for this newest Village facility, intended to honor the memory of "Dizzy" Dean, Mrs. Dean's late, famous husband, and the memories of dear parents, the late Sam and Rachael Nash. The needs of neglected, dependent and troubled children are very important to Mrs. Dean, who has been quietly going about doing good for others for most of her life. More importantly here, Mrs. Dean evidently believes in the distinctive mission character of the Village's Christian child care effort. Because of Mr. Dean's interest, commitment and generosity, another step has been taken in the continuing effort to secure the future of our Mississippi Baptist child care ministry. Because of people like Mrs. Dean, the future of our Mississippi Baptist child care effort has been assured since its very beginning in the 1800's.

not yet responded to this annual mission appeal, won't you give it your attention today? Little children and young teen-agers, some of whom have simply lost their way, are depending upon you!



For many years, The Children's Village has observed two "vacations" each year, by allowing its boys and girls to visit in approved private homes about the state. We believe this custom assists Village children in maintaining contact with the realities of private living in addition to providing the boys and girls with a brief holiday from campus life. We are indebted to the many fine private homes about the state who assist us by serving as hosts to the children for these periods. Interested persons should note that the summer holiday for 1980 has been fixed to begin on Saturday, July 19 and end on Sunday, August 3. Any home which wishes to be considered as a holiday host should contact Mrs. Claire Nowlin, Director of Social Service at Box 11306, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213. Friends who are interested in Village children residing on our Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County may contact Mrs. Rebecca Rhodes at P. O. Box 166, Independence, Mississippi 38638. Those who have never entertained a Village child on holiday previously will be asked to furnish Pastor's reference.





THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR MINISTRY of First Baptist Church, recently presented the musical, "God's Kids," at the Sunday evening service on May 4. The performance was directed by Jimmy Cutrell, minister of music. Carol Embry was assisted director. Other choir directors were Jan Simmons, Bebe Sikes, and Dianne Walker. The musical was narrated by Janie Still and the adult soloist was Gene Warr. The puppet ministry under the direction of Dick Fletcher



Arlington Church, Beaumont, burned the note on its pastorium on April 13. The house was built during the summer of 1977 and the final note was paid in February, 1980. The pastorium has three bedrooms, a family room, living room-dining room combination, two baths, kitchen, utility-storage room, and a double carport. Pictured in the note-burning are building committee members and the former pastor, first to live in the new home. Left to right are Larry Allen, Jerry Hillman, committee chairman Mike Easterling, Tommy Kendrick, former pastor, and Bill Tingle. Not pictured are Eugene Byrd, Griffin Sylvester, W. M. Herring, Phil Pittman, committee members. Richard E. Colwell is present pastor.

Revival Dates

Gatesville Church: June 8-13. Charles King of Jackson, evangelist; Windell Lewis, song leader; lunch will be served in the church annex on June 8.

Providence, Pearl: June 15-20; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; week nights at 7:30; Joe Royalty, evangelist; Mike Smith, music director; Harry Gipson, pastor.

Life and Work Lesson

Eternal God And

Mortal Man

By Tommy Tutor, Pastor
First, Benton, Ark.
Psalm 90:1-12

Many believe this to be a psalm of Moses. Moses was mighty in word as well as in deed, and this Psalm we believe to be one of his best. Moses was a man of God and God's man; chosen of God, inspired of God, honored of God, and faithful to God in all his house. He writes in this psalm of the frailty of man, and the shortness of life, contrasting these with the eternity of God. Moses may have written this following a national calamity. The beginning of the wilderness wanderings would fit this situation. The people in the psalm confess their sin, ask God to bless them, and praise him for his mercy.

I. The Eternal God Lives In The Now (Vv. 1-4).

God is "from everlasting to everlasting." God is not limited by time. The past, present, and future are merged into the now with God. A thousand years is as a day. God existed before the mountains had struggled forth from nature's womb. He was God when the earth was not a world but a chaos.

The psalmist saw God as self-existent and standing as his shelter, comfort, protection, and preserver in life. God was his "dwelling place."

The rest of the world seemed to have habitation and mansions rooted in the earth, and their dwelling places were upon the earth. God's people were as it were without house and home. A good example of this was Abraham. He left his home because of God's call to a new land.

There may be in verse 3 an allusion to the destruction of mankind in the flood, and the re-creating of the earth by the descendants of Noah. The frailty of man is definitely set forth. God creates him out of the dust, and back to dirt he goes at the word of his Creator. A word created and a word destroyed.

regard to our life in the world is as if a man that knows not how to swim, should be cast into a great stream of water, and be carried down with it. He may sometimes lift up his head or his hands and cry for help, but his end is to drown. He has to have access to a power beyond himself to survive.

Further, the psalmist contrasts man's life to that of the grass of the field growing and being cut. The coming of a flood and sweeping all in its currents to destruction. He concludes in verse 7 with man's final enemy, his sin, which causes ultimately his death. The writer suggests that God's judgment of death comes because he sees and knows man's every sin.

III. The Tragedy of Sin Brought Judgment (Vv. 7, 8).

Sin is life's greatest tragedy for each person on earth. The real tragedy is that our years are spent under God's wrath and judgment because of our sins. Some tragedy had come upon the people in this psalm because of their sin. God has laid out man's perversities in front of himself and has put the light of his presence upon his hidden sins.

When sin is finished it brings forth death. After death comes the judgment. Thus, we see that man is not only mortal, but he, also, is a sinner. Sin separates him from God, and stops God blessings from coming into his life.

Verse 8 tells us that God looks upon our sin. These are ever before him. Therefore, we should never rest till we have by repentance moved God to blot out our sin. To this end we should ourselves call them to remembrance. For the more we remember our sin, the more God forgets them; the more we forget them, the more God remembers them. The more we look upon our sins; the more God turns his eyes from them.

Life is a fleeting thing. One has said that there "is just one life, 'twill soon be past, and only what's done for Christ will last." When life is over it is "as a tale that is told." It can be a pleasant tale if we deal with our sins, but it will be a tale of tragedy if we fail to deal with our sin.

IV. Man Needs Wisdom (Vv. 10-12).

The best of God's servants in this life fall short in their fears of God, and so in all graces of the Spirit; in that love of God, in faith, in repentance, and in obedience, we come short of what the Lord requires. Even though we know God, and that he is a just God, and righteous, and cannot wink at sin; yet which one of us is there that so fears before God as we ought? We have no grace of perfection here, but the best faith, at times, is mixed with doubt.

The question then comes; how should we live? The writer in this psalm asked for wisdom. If our lives are to be lived rightly before God, we need his wisdom and guidance in life. Many is the person who has tried and failed to live his life outside of God's wisdom and guidance. The result has been to experience God's wrath.

Having suffered under the wrath of God for their sins, the people now ask God to relent from his wrath and bless his repentant people. As the days of judgment were many and sore, so may the days of blessing be many and joyous, they prayed. They discovered beyond themselves there was power in God to conquer and overcome in life. Man is still troubled by his frailty and mortality. May he discover God's wisdom for today and find the peace and fulfillment which comes by being rightly related to the eternal God.



THE YOUTH CHOIR of PARK HAVEN, LAUREL will go on mission tour, June 9-24, to Cherokee, N. C., Sevierville and Townsend, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. The church's puppet troupe will accompany the choir. Bill Myers is music director. Henry Freeman is the pastor.

Homecomings

Homecoming was held at New Hope Church, Lafayette County, on June 1. The pastor, Robert Smith, delivered the morning message. After lunch at the church, there was singing.

Philadelphia Church, Lincoln County, will have homecoming day on June 15. William Stephens of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., a former pastor of the church, will preach at the 11 a.m. service, following Sunday School at 10. Lunch will be served at the church in the newly completed Family Center. The church is 14 miles west of Brookhaven on Highway 550.

Rehobeth Church, Rankin County, will observe homecoming day on June 8. Rick Hammarstrom, pastor, will preach at the morning service. Dinner will be served in fellowship hall. The afternoon service will feature singing.

Main Street Church, Mendenhall, observed its 14th anniversary homecoming day on Sunday, June 1. Sunday School goal was 140. After worship and anniversary commemoration at 11, lunch was served at the church. At the afternoon service, church history highlights were read. Dixieland Quartet of Collins sang. Dewitt Mitchell is pastor.

Bible Society Declares Special Scripture Project For Hungary

NEW YORK — A special opportunity to provide Bibles for Christians in Hungary has been announced by the American Bible Society (ABS), a leader in the worldwide Bible movement.

The Bible Societies, when funding is pledged, will supply nearly nine tons of paper for printing 15,000 Karoli Bibles. The Karoli Bible is the traditional version Hungarian Bible. First published in 1590, it has been revised and reprinted over the years and is still in use throughout Hungary.

"Because of its literary value, the Karoli Bible exerts an authority far beyond the frontiers of the church," a UBS spokesman said. "Its roots go to such depths in Protestant liturgy as to have given rise to a specific Biblical style."

There is a common language version of the Bible in Hungarian, first published in 1976. However, the Karoli Bible is still very much in demand, not only by those living in Hungary, but by many other Hungarian speakers throughout Europe.

The American Bible Society, together with its UBS partners, has already declared four other special Scripture projects in Eastern Europe

Devotional

The Fear Of Learning Too Late

By John G. Brock, Pastor
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Matthew 11:25-30

I have always been one who had the fear of missing out on something others were receiving, even though I may have been receiving as much, if not more than they.



The older I grow and the more of God I learn, I still fear that one day I am going to wake up too late really to enjoy the realities and joys of what He has to offer me.

Someone might say, "Relax and take what comes" or "you can't teach an old dog new tricks." To those statements I can only respond by shouting, "NO! NO!" I have relaxed too much already, and I want to learn whatever He is willing to teach.

Even my responsibilities and privileges as a husband, father, and pastor cry out to me to go deeper and learn more, that I may fulfill these duties to their utmost.

Then joy floods my soul as I read in the scriptures that Jesus invites me to come and learn from Him. Only when I am learning from Him is my soul able to find rest from its searching. It is not God's fault that I don't learn, for He has given a standing invitation to me. One will only learn from God all he ever wants and needs to, if He thirsts and hungers after God as a starving man thirsts after water and hungers after bread.

It is not God's fault when we are not filled and blessed. It is our selfishness and attitude of thinking we have reached the heights of Christian fulfillment because we have accomplished success according to man's standards.

May we ever be reminded of Paul's message to the Christians at Corinth when he said, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Cor. 2:9).

May we be challenged to learn from Him who offers "much more" than we already have before it becomes too late. To wait is to waste! What a pity!

"If you have all you need, you don't need anything else."

There are more words in a typical metropolitan Sunday newspaper than in the whole Bible.

There lives more faith in honest doubt.

Believe me, than in half the creeds.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson

this year for Russia, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, and an earlier project for Hungary.

The earlier project for Hungary involves printing 10,000 New Testaments in Today's Hungarian Version.



Success Will Enlarge Sanctuary

Success Church, Harrison County, broke ground May 4, to enlarge its sanctuary and add additional classrooms. The church has been expanding rapidly as members moved into the community from the urban areas of Gulfport and Biloxi. Mrs. Raybell Broadus broke ground, representing the women of the church, and Mrs. Maude Johnson broke ground, representing the charter members. Pictured are the pastor, Mike Moore, center; Reuben Yates, chairman of the Building Committee, holding the spade; and members of the Building Committee, in the background.

Bible Series Lesson

J. Roy McComb, writer of the weekly Bible Series Sunday School lesson commentary, was in Florida last week, as guest speaker at a retreat. Though he mailed the lesson on time, the mail did not deliver it in time for the Baptist Record to print it this week.

Soso Sixty Plus Visits New Orleans

Twenty-two members of the Soso Sixty Plus Club of First Church, Soso recently took a two-day trip to New Orleans. Jim Beck, pastor, and his wife and son, Jamie, went with the group.

At New Orleans Seminary they attended a chapel service, took a guided tour of the campus, and ate at the campus cafeteria.

They went for a cruise on the Mississippi River, on the boat, Natchez, and ate dinner at a seafood place by the lake. Then at the motel, the Becks led the evening devotional time.

Next morning, after brunch together downtown, they spent some time at Jackson Square, and returned home in late afternoon. Mrs. Gibson Wade reports that the fellowship was good.

Little Rock, Ark. (EP) — Margaret Rosa, a second grade teacher in Mountain View, Ark., has been permitted by a federal judge to temporarily continue reading Bible stories to her class pending the outcome of a lawsuit by parents who are challenging the practice. David and Lydia Burns, parents of a 7-year-old who is in Mrs. Rosa's class, questioned the constitutionality of reading Bible stories to children in public schools in a suit filed for them by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Michigan Twister Hits Baptist Church Building

By Marv Knox
GLENDALE, Mich. (BP) — Michigan's fiercest onslaught of tornadoes in 15 years destroyed a Southern Baptist church building, but it may have revitalized the congregation which meets inside.

"People who hadn't been with us in a long time worshipped with us today," said pastor Joe Jones of Glendale Baptist Church, after members met in a home and voted to rebuild the structure.

The twister that felled the building in mid-May was among several tornadoes which ripped through western sections of Michigan, killing five people, injuring at least 82 others and causing more than \$50 million in damage to property in Bangor, to the west, Glendale and Kalamazoo, to the east.

"It took off like a galloping horse and really did the havoc," Jones said of the tornado which hit Glendale.

The church, which has about 40 members, is "the stable element, about the only thing left" in the rural farming community, said Jones, a bivocational pastor and resident of Kalamazoo.

"The building was a total loss, and we hope to collect all of the \$20,000 for which it was insured. I would guess that it will cost twice that amount to rebuild if we hire all the labor."

"However, we're hoping to find some other Baptists who can come in and help us with the labor. If we can get that, then the \$20,000 probably will cover the cost of supplies."

(Knox is an HMB News writer.)

Mission Service Corps

Biology Prof Volunteers To Teach In Philippines

James N. Sappington, professor of biology at Missouri Baptist College, will serve as a Mission Service Corps volunteer with the Foreign Mission Board in North Cotabato, Philippines, for the coming school year, which begins in June 1980 and ends in March 1981. His services were requested by the Philippine Baptist Mission.

His appointment as interim professor of science and mathematics education programs at Southern Baptist College, M'lang, North Cotabato, Philippines, a school owned and operated by Filipino Baptists.

The school, on the island of Mindanao, is approximately seven degrees north of the equator in a rural setting and has 1,400 students. Sappington's major duty will be that of consultant to the science and mathematics professors at the school. He will also improve laboratory facilities, collect local flora and fauna for the school's museum, teach life science courses, and participate in the school's evangelistic program. He will

receive no pay while there; the work is at his own expense.

The professor related that he made a personal commitment to overseas service during the 1977 Christmas season while a member of Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and professor at William Carey College. "In my pilgrimage with God and my understanding of His Great Commission, I believe that His children can help fulfill His command by using their life's chosen work to carry the gospel to all people. Even as a teacher of biology, 'Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I; send me' " (Isaiah 6:8).

Sappington is a Mississippian, having received his public school education at Ingomar High School and his Ph.D. degree at Mississippi State University. He has taught at Starkville High School, Keesler Air Force Base, William Carey College, and Mississippi State University.

He received a year's leave of absence from Missouri Baptist College to fulfill this appointment and expects to return to his duties there at the end of the missionary assignment. His Philippine address is Box 141, Davao City, Philippines.